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MURDER AND PILLAGE BY RUSSIAN PEASANTS

Landlords in Baltic Provinces are Building Small Forts to Protect Their Property --Witte's Policy Denounced.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 13 (morning). Via
Eidtkuhnen, Dec. 14.—The government
is making little headway in crushing
the telegraph strike. The wires of the
few lines over which service had been
temporarily restored are constantly cut
and not a single wire is working out of
St. Petersburg to-day.

News comes from the Baltic provinces
to-day to the effect that many of the
German landlords who have not fled
are establishing a net work of small
forts and are standing

A Regular Siege.

There has been much killing and burning.

Inhabitants of the Baltic provinces
who are now residing in St. Petersburg
were immensely gratified at the pub-
lication yesterday of the Imperial ukase
promising local self-government. They
say the abandonment of the Russian-
ization policy begun in 1877 to destroy
the unity of the old provinces of Lithu-
ania. The ukase practically insures
the restoration of the status quo and
creates a deliberative assembly for the
solution of burning

Questions of Reform

of the present conditions, the institu-
tion of the local self-government and
schools and a governor-general as the
office existed before 1875. The papers
generally regard the ukase as the end
of the policy by which the bureaucracy
absorbed all the power and stifled the
ambitions of the border people.

The cries for a strong policy to end
the tyranny of the revolutionary organ-
izations are openly taken up by such men
as Charles Vonschwanbach, a former
minister of agriculture, who in an in-
terview denounces Premier Witte's
policy as fatal, declaring that the
strike law will be as useless as the
press law, adding that the only sane
method is to answer by force the

JAP NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHINESE

UNEASINESS CAUSED BY DELAY AT PEKIN

The Power of the Mikado's Cabinet is Reported to be on the Wane.

(Associated Press.)
Tokio, Dec. 14.—10 a.m.—The tardiness
in the conclusion of the negotia-
tions at Peking between the representa-
tives of the governments of China and
Japan is causing uneasiness here
among the Chinese residents. It is
feared that Baron Komura, who repre-
sents Japan, has made some proposi-
tion which is viewed in the light of
another humiliation by China.

The differences which exist between
the Imperial university and the govern-
ment have apparently been settled
by acceptance of the resignation of
President Yuuro Kubota by Premier
Katsura, who will now take up the
portfolio of education. The resigna-
tions tendered by other professors
have not been accepted. The fact that
no disciplinary measures have been
taken against these professors is de-
emphasized by those well informed as
an avowal of defeat upon the government
and the power of the cabinet is visibly
waning.

Eighty-two hundred Chinese stu-
dents, increased at the attitude of the
Chinese minister to Japan, Yang Shu.
In the university troubles, have re-
solved to return to China. Two thou-
sand have already left this city. A
manifesto issued by these students is
decidedly antagonistic to the Manchu
dynasty.

QUARTER MILLION DAMAGE.

Number of Firms Burned Out at
Brooklyn—Valuable Paintings,
Destroyed.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 14.—The four-story
street building at the corner of Fulton
street and Bedford avenue, Brooklyn,
owned by State Senator Charles Cooper,
and occupied by business firms, was
gutted by a fire that broke out shortly
after 2 o'clock this morning. The loss,
it is thought, will amount to \$250,000.
The ground floor contained \$50,000 of
oil paintings, the property of Senator
Cooper, the loss on which will be total.

DISCHARGED.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—J. D. Evans,
traveler for D. Fraser & Co., has been
discharged from the charge of theft.

Whitehead—A. G. Gillis.
Wiseley—D. Elliott.
In Doubt.
Kinistina.

WEDDED AT COLOMBO.

Marriage of Earl Cowley and Lady Hartoph.

(Associated Press.)
Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—Earl Cow-
ley and Lady Hartoph were married
here to-day.

Lady Hartoph is the eldest daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Henry Wil-
son, of Warrington, Yorkshire. She
and her sister were remarkable for
their beauty. April last Lady Hartoph
was divorced by Sir Charles Hartoph
after a sensational trial. Earl Cowley
was the co-respondent in the case. Be-
fore his succession to the title of Earl
Cowley was, as Viscount Bangan, the
defendant in an action for breach of
promise brought by Phyllis Broughton,
of the Gaiety theatre, London. In
1899 he married Lady Violet Neville,
daughter of the Marquis of Aber-
gavenny. Eight years later she ob-
tained a divorce, and though she has
since married Robert Middleton-Bid-
dolph, Lady Violet still continues to
use the title of Countess Cowley on
the ground that she is the mother of
Viscount Bangan, the heir to the title,
who is about 19 years old.

Confidence of the Emperor.

despite the camarilla which is fighting
him.

The cabinet has decided to prosecute
in court all violations of the new press
law. The first prosecution will be that
of the editor of the Nishu Shen for
printing the resolution of the post and
telegraph employees of St. Petersburg
on December 13th.

The new committee of the postal
telegraph union has decided to con-
tinue the strike until the strikers' de-
mands are completely satisfied.

The Official Messenger to-day an-
nounced that the new electoral law
which has been drafted, will be imme-
diately laid before the Emperor.

"A General Butchery."

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Forty-three
Russian refugees were brought here
to-day by the steamer Ivernia, which
arrived from Liverpool. They came
from Riga, Vilna, Kieff, Odessa, and
Kovno, and all had escaped by various
methods after having fled from their
homes on account of disturbances there.

Two of the men from Odessa left
that city at the time of the distur-
bances attending the promulgation of
the Emperor's manifesto in October.
They described the scenes there as a
general butchery, in which police, Cos-
sacks and a rabble participated on the
one hand and Jews and Christians, who
were called upon to defend them-
selves, on the other. They estimate
that the victims numbered 10,000 in one
week.

FIFTEEN LIBERALS WERE RETURNED

IN FIRST PROVINCIAL CONTEST IN SASKATCHEWAN

Majority Carried Nine Constituencies— One Seat in Doubt—All the Ministers Elected.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The Liberals
carried Saskatchewan yesterday, electing
fifteen to F. W. G. Haultain's nine.
Kinistina is in doubt owing to the
polls being miles from the rail-
road. All the cabinet ministers were
returned by good majorities. There
are hundreds of challenged votes, and
this may change the result in three
centres—Moose Jaw, Regina, and
Prince Albert.

The Liberal calculation was widely
astray in a number of constituencies.
In Qu'Appelle South, ex-Premier
Haultain was elected by 250 of a ma-
jority. The expectation that the Lib-
erals would sweep along the Soo and
Arcola lines did not materialize. J. T.
Brown, the ex-Liberal provincial
righter, has a good majority in Souris.
It will be the better part of a week
before the complete returns will be in.
In Redberry, for instance, but few
polls have been heard from. Some of
the northern polls are hundreds of
miles from the railway or telegraph.

Throughout the election the strength
of Haultain was in the larger centres,
the farming community as a whole
supporting the government candidates.
The members elected follow:

Liberals.
Battleford—A. Champagne.
Batoche—W. Grant.
Humboldt—Dr. Nield.
Lumsden—Hon. W. Scott.
Moose Jaw district—P. H. Sheppard.
Qu'Appelle (North)—Hon. W. R.
Motherwell.
Prince Albert (city)—Hon. J. H. Lam-
mont.

Red Berry—G. Langley.
Regina (South)—Hon. J. A. Calder.
Rosthern—G. Ena.
Saskatoon—T. McNutt.
Saskatoon—W. C. Sutherland.
Yorkton—J. Garry.
Prince Albert district—P. D. Tyer-
man.
Cannington—J. D. Stewart.

Conservatives.
Grenfell—Dr. Argue.
Maple Creek—D. J. Wyllie.
Moose Jaw (city)—J. H. Wellington.
Mooseomin—Dr. Ellis.
Qu'Appelle (South)—F. W. G. Haul-
tain.
Regina (city)—H. W. Baird.
Souris—J. T. Brown.

BIG SHIP'S BOAT NOW COMES ASHORE

BUT THE NAME HAS BEEN BROKEN AWAY

Deposited on Beach Near Carmanah Point—The Fawn's Cabin Fittings Were Cedar.

Supplementing the news from Car-
manah, published in the Times a week
ago, to the effect that a hatch bar,
about five feet long and bearing the
number 5702, and some white painted
lumber like cabin fittings, marked "To
accommodate ten seamen only," had
drifted ashore, comes a report to-day
from the same place that a very large
ship's boat with oars smashed up has
been cast up by the sea. The boat is
painted white. The name had been broken
off, but in some way had been broken
off.

The boat came ashore about two
miles west of where the wreckage re-
ported on Monday, and which is be-
lieved to have come from the sealing
schooner Fawn, in deposit, or about
four miles west of Carmanah. The
floatsman belongs to an entirely
different wreck is evident, from the
fact that it varies very materially in
description.

A vessel the size of the Fawn would
not carry nearly as big a boat as the
one that has now come in from sea.
Furthermore, it does not correspond
in size or shape with that washed
ashore on Monday, and which has been
recognized as a sealing boat.

So far shipping men along the coast
have apparently not recognized the
number given, and there seems in con-
sequence no information forthcoming
as to what the craft was. Nor is it
possible to arrive at any definite con-
clusion of where the disaster overtook
these different vessels from the man-
ner in which the wreckage has come
ashore. There are those who hold that
if the wreckage, as reported on Mon-
day actually belonged to the Fawn,
and it seemed pretty clearly estab-
lished that it did, the vessel must have
been run down by some vessel near
the entrance to the straits. This, they
say, would account for the schooner
being broken in the manner described.
However, this is mere conjecture,
and many other theories might be
given of how wreckage came to be
lodged on the southern end of Vancou-
ver island when the calamity which
overtook her is supposed to have oc-
curred in northern waters, not a great
distance from the Aleutian islands.

Those who are familiar with the
construction of the Fawn are desirous
now of obtaining evidence along the
coast to more line to convince them
all doubt that the wreckage was from
the schooner's. They state that the cabin
fittings of the vessel were of cedar.
The material having in this case been
specially used to keep insects away. If
the cabin fittings on the beach near
Carmanah are cedar, then they say
there can be no disputing the identity,
for no other schooner in port, and
probably few on the coast, have this
lumber in them.

ANTHRACITE MINERS.

Seven Hundred Delegates Present at
Convention at Shamokin.

(Associated Press.)
Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Anthra-
cite coal miners' convention began its
session here to-day. About seven
hundred delegates were present; when
John Mitchell, president of the United
Mine Workers of America, called the
convention to order.

FARMER BURNS WON.

(Associated Press.)
Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Farmer
Burns last night defeated Charles
Hackensmith in a mixed style match.
Burns won the first and the third falls
at catch-as-catch-can. Hackensmith
defeated Burns last week.

A travelling record of 3,000,000 miles
was held by Alexander Farquharson,
who has just died at Llandarfel, Meri-
onethshire, after fifty years' service as
a guard on the Great Western railway.

THE CASE AGAINST POWER COMPANY

OPENED IN SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING

Mr. Justice Duff Will Hear Application For Second Injunction Respecting Goldstream Water.

The case of the Esquimalt Water
Works Company vs. the Victoria Power
Company is being proceeded with in
this action the plaintiff company
seeks an injunction against the de-
fendants to prevent the latter going
before the gold commissioner for the
purpose of obtaining a record of water
at Goldstream. The case is a similar
one to that against the city, which was
completed yesterday. His Lordship,
Mr. Justice Duff, reserving judgment.

Yesterday afternoon when the case
was called on, Mr. Justice Duff, re-
presenting the plaintiff company, stated
that both parties to the action were
agreeable to a postponement of the
hearing until the city's case was de-
cided. He expressed a desire that Mr.
Justice Duff should if possible hear the
case on its coming up as he was com-
plicit of the facts connected with it.
His Lordship said he had no particu-
lar choice in the matter. He was
prepared if counsel saw fit to proceed
at once with the hearing. If it were
left over, however, he could not say
that it would come up before him; in
fact it was quite likely it would not
come before him. He had no desire
however to hear it. In fact if it were a
matter of choice he would prefer not
to hear it after having been occupied
for days with a somewhat similar case.

Reference being made to the likeli-
hood of an appeal being taken His
Lordship called attention to the fact
that in the absence of Mr. Justice
Martin it might be difficult to get an
appeal if two judges were brought into
the case in the first instance.

After further discussion between His
Lordship and counsel it was decided
to leave the matter over until 10.30 in
the morning when it could be decided
what would be done in the case.

Upon court assembling this morning
it was announced that counsel were
prepared to go on with the case.

The Esquimalt Water Works Com-
pany is represented as in the preceding
one by Fred Peters, K. C., A. P. Lux-
ton, K. C., and R. T. Elliott. The
Victoria Power Company is represented
by A. E. McPhillips, K. C., and H. G.
S. Heisterkamp.

Mr. Luxton in opening the case said
that the power company sought to
secure records at Goldstream. Appli-
cation was made for water both above
and below the present power house.

The Victoria Power Company, it was
conceded, was really the same as the
B. C. Electric Company. It was
contended that the power company
were really the agents of the electric
company.

Mr. McPhillips did not think that
counsel for the Esquimalt company
was entitled to make such a statement.
While the directors of the two com-
panies might be the same they were
distinct entities.

His Lordship thought it was perfectly
proper to refer to the power com-
pany as the agents of the electric com-
pany.

Mr. Luxton said that it was claimed
that in going on the land of the Esqui-
malt company the power company was
guilty of trespass.

The company's acts at Goldstream
were all void. The company had got
a certificate to obtain water at Shaw-
nigan lake. There had been no amend-
ment to the certificate, and it was,
therefore, argued that the power com-
pany had no right at Goldstream ex-
cept if a record was open.

Mr. Peters proposed that the evi-
dence of Mr. Lubbe as given in the
previous case should be taken in this
one, the question of cross-examination
being left open to Mr. McPhillips.

Mr. McPhillips did not feel like ac-
cepting this. He said that not under-
standing the case in that way at the
commencement, he had not taken as
full notes on the evidence of Mr. Lubbe
as he would have done had he known
of its record was open.

It was finally decided to take fifteen
minutes' adjournment in order to allow
counsel to arrive at a conclusion on
the question.

Upon reassembling Mr. Peters
thought that if the notes were extended
it would be Tuesday before the case
could be proceeded with. He, there-
fore, thought it best to proceed at once.
His Lordship asked Mr. McPhillips
to suggest what character of evidence
it was to eliminate.

This was done in a general way.
Mr. Luxton then put in the docu-
mentary evidence in the case.
L. Lubbe was then called as a wit-
ness. His evidence relative to the put-
ting in of reservoirs at Goldstream

was similar to that in the previous
case.
The examination of Mr. Lubbe was
not concluded at the time of adjourn-
ment, but will be continued this after-
noon, the court sitting again at 2.15.

BACK FROM EAST.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow Arrived in the City
Last Evening.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance,
returned last evening from the East.
He does not expect Premier Mc-
Bride to reach home until perhaps
Thursday of next week. The minister
of finance does not care to discuss
questions connected with the trip, he
says, in the absence of the premier.
He will leave it to Hon. Mr. McBride
to make public whatever he may see
fit to announce upon his arrival, but
considers it unwise to say anything
pending the premier's return.

The reception accorded the provin-
cial ministers by Sir Wilfrid Laurier
was most cordial. Hon. Mr. Tatlow
says, and departmental matters were
quite fully gone into.

The minister of finance also says that
at St. Paul and the Great Western officials
were seen, and at Montreal the C. P.
R. and Grand Trunk Pacific officials
were called upon. In each case ques-
tions affecting the policy of these
roads in British Columbia were dis-
cussed.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow, when questioned
relative to the approaching session of
the legislature, said he did not antici-
pate a very long session. He knew of
no business to come up which would
require prolonged debate, and looked
forward therefore to an early rising of
the House.

Premier McBride he says will attend
a banquet given to Hon. R. L. Borden,
leader of the opposition in the Domini-
on House. This is being held in To-
ronto this evening. On the way West
the Premier will possibly stop a few
days at Winnipeg, so that he is not
likely to reach here before the middle
of next week.

ALTERATIONS TO VICTORIA THEATRE

THE WORK WILL BE COMMENCED NEXT WEEK

Three Thousand Dollars to be Expended on Interior Improvements—Better Shows Promised.

On Thursday, the 28th inst., E. R.
Ricketts, manager of the Vancouver
and New Westminster theatres, will
take over the management of the Vic-
toria theatre, so that from that date
the three principal playhouses of Brit-
ish Columbia will be under the con-
trol of the one capable guiding hand.
As has already been mentioned in these
columns Mr. Ricketts has been selected
manager of the best house by John
Cort, of Seattle, who obtained a five-
year lease of it from the proprietor,
Jas. Boscowitz, several days ago.

One of the principal benefits Vic-
torians will derive from the change is
in the shows, although it is intended
to carry out an extensive scheme of
renovation immediately Mr. Ricketts
takes charge. Hitherto, as all theatre-
goers are aware, this city has been cut
out of the itinerary of many of the
finest dramatic and operatic com-
panies touring the coast. They have
visited the Sound cities and Vancouver
and Westminster, but failed to con-
nect with Victoria because of the
trouble and expense of transferring
their freight, consisting principally of
seats, from train to the boat.

Others have decided to come to British
Columbia's capital with only a portion
of their settings, and thus local res-
idents have paid the same prices as
those obtaining on the mainland for an
inferior presentation of an opera or
drama as the case may be. Such a
condition of affairs will be eliminated
with the advent of the new manage-
ment. Victoria will be visited by the
best companies, and certainly no show
presented at Vancouver or West-
minster will omit this city from its
itinerary, unless under stress of very
urgent necessity.

This statement was made by Mr.
Ricketts to a Times reporter this
morning. He is in the city for a few
days in order to make preliminary ar-
rangements for the alteration of the
theatre's interior furnishings. The
work, he says, will commence on the
28th, the day he assumes charge, and
will be pushed to completion as rapidly
as possible, workmen being employ-
ed day and night. Owing to the short
time at his disposal between the date
mentioned and the first show—a mat-
ter of three days—it will be possible to
make only a few of the improvements,
which he considers most needed.

Unless the present situation changes,
the spectacle will be presented of Mrs.
Sarah Bernhardt, now appearing at
the Lyric theatre, New York, playing
throughout the state of Texas as her
present tour in Europe circuit, says a
dispatch from New York. This
move, said her managers Wednesday,
was absolutely necessary in view of
the fact that their promised tour for
the French actress in that state had
been blocked by the syndicate which
controls practically all the theatres in
Texas.

While several guests were celebrat-
ing the diamond wedding of a couple
named Haden at Koenigswald's, Ger-
many, the wife was swept with syn-
cope and dropped dead at the table.
Within ten minutes the aged widower
also fell dead.

Top gallery should lead from the same
"corridor" as that frequented by oc-
cupants of seats on the lower floors. It
was objectionable, he concluded, to
the ladies.

All the work Mr. Ricketts expects
will entail a total expense of between
\$2,000 and \$3,000. As soon as there is
an interval without shows it is his in-
tention to make more elaborate im-
provements. The interior will be
painted, decorated, etc., and made to
look more like a first-class up-to-date
theatre.

A regular caretaker will be appoint-
ed to keep the house in a state of per-
fect cleanliness. Mr. Cliff Denham will
act as local treasurer, and will always
be found at the box office, where all
tickets will be sold. Orders will be
taken over the telephone, and Mr.
Ricketts continued, as soon as possible
he would issue small plans of the seat-
ing accommodation for distribution
among patrons. The latter would then
be able to make their orders by phone,
and specify exactly in what part of the
theatre they wished seats reserved. A
change would also be made in the plan
of numbering the seats. The rows
would be indicated by the letters of the
alphabet, a much simpler method
than that in vogue at the present time.

Mr. Ricketts then referred to the im-
provement in the number and class of
shows to be presented here under his
management. In order to bear out his
statement he submitted the following
excellent list of bookings for the month
of January:

1st and 2nd—"Buster Brown."
3rd—"The House of Mirth."
4th and 5th—"Johnny Comes March-
ing Home."
12th—"College Widow."
13th—"Polly Primrose."
15th to 23rd, inclusive—Lansing Row-
an Co.
24th—Louis James.
26th to 31st, inclusive—Pollard Opera
Co.

To-morrow Mr. Ricketts will return
to Vancouver and from there will visit
Seattle on business in connection with
the Victoria theatre.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

The residents of Ganges Harbor
were thrown into a state of excite-
ment the other day by the appearance
of two mad dogs in the vicinity. One
man was pursued for quite a distance
by the dogs. Later the dogs were
killed.

W. Fisher, of Victoria, has rented
D. Maxwell's farm, and intends to
take up his residence there in a few
weeks.

Mr. Palmer is the new school teacher
at Isabella Point school. He suc-
ceeded Miss Smith, who has returned
home. The preparations for the Christmas
trees on Salt Spring are now fully un-
der way. At most of the schools the
recitation and dialogue rehearsals are
going on with much vigor.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen, who recently ar-
rived from England, have been on Salt
Spring for a few days looking for some
suitable place to locate.

Mrs. Reddis has gone to Kamloops to
recreate after her recent illness.

A meeting of the Agricultural Soci-
ety was called for last Wednesday
when it was expected the reports of
committees would be submitted and
officers elected. The books showed
that the society had a balance of \$10
on hand. Because of the unusually
small attendance the meeting was ad-
journed.

THE FIRST CONCERT.

Fifth Regiment Band Will Provide Entertainment in Drill Hall Every Other Saturday Evening.

Every other Saturday evening a con-
cert with some special attraction will
be provided in the drill hall by the
Fifth Regiment band. Arrangements
towards this end have been planned
by Bandmaster Pfeiffer. The enter-
tainment will continue during the win-
ter months. For the first concert,
which will be given on Saturday even-
ing, the special attraction will be a
basketball match. An excellent pro-
gramme has been prepared, which will
be as follows:

March-First Prize Faust
Basketball Those
Romantic Simple Confession Those
Basketball Those
Intermission.
Concert by the Fifth Regiment Band.
Overture—Lustspiel Kela Bela
Grand Selection—Carmen Bizet
Waltzes—Carmen Gounod
March—Indienne Sellenek
Serenade—Amour Blon
God Save the King.
E. PFERDNER, Bandmaster.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Sir Edward Grey, the new secretary
for foreign affairs, held his first diplo-
matic reception in London on Wednes-
day. Following the usual custom Sec-
retary Grey and the foreign office staff
were in full diplomatic uniform, and
all the attending ambassadors and
ministers were in the full dress of their
respective countries. Among those
present were the French, Russian and
Japanese ambassadors and the Chinese
and Persian ministers.

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THE INQUIRY WAS AGAIN POSTPONED

OFFICIAL RECORDER UNAVAILABLE TO-DAY

And Commission Had to be Adjourned Until To-morrow—County Court Presented Animated Scene.

It was expected that the commission
appointed by the government to in-
quire into the South Park school draw-
ing would commence taking evidence this
morning. All preparations had been com-
pleted, and when Judge Lampman as-
sessed the bench in the County court
D. M. Eberis, acting on behalf of the
Council of Public Instruction, was pre-
pared to submit all the facts relating to
the question in the hands of the depart-
ment. But an unlooked for difficulty
arose, and, once more, it became nec-
essary to order a brief delay, an adjourn-
ment being taken until to-morrow morn-
ing.

The lack of an official stenographer
was what threatened with the opening of
the proceedings. Judge Lampman had
scarcely taken his seat before he asked
whether it was true that there was no
one available to record the evidence as it
was submitted. R. T. Elliott replied in
the affirmative, adding, in explanation,
that the regular stenographer was en-
gaged in connection with the water
case and that there were no others avail-
able. The judge then asked some ques-
tions relative to the method to be adopted
in the presentation of evidence. He
understood that it was Mr. Eberis' in-
tention, as the representative of the
Council of Public Instruction, to submit
all their information bearing on the mat-
ter under investigation. Could this be
done, he asked, in one day's ses-
sion?

Mr. Eberis did not think it would be
possible for him to finish in so short a
time.

Judge Lampman, addressing R. T.
Elliott's counsel for Miss Cameron, ex-
pressed the opinion that it would be un-
necessary to bring the twenty or thirty
witnesses—South Park school children—
into court until their evidence was re-
quired.

Counsel agreed with this, but wished it
explicitly understood that, providing he
agreed to the proposed method, the sub-
ject had good and that the children would
be expected to respond upon twenty-four
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In Interview He Declares His Faith in the Loyalty of the Army— Agrarian Troubles.

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a further installment of his interview with Count Witte, says the premier declared that the army would remain faithful, that the finances of the country were sound, and that it was not his intention to resign. The correspondent in a series of questions presented numerous instances of the disloyalty of the troops and marines. The premier, answering these questions insisted that in all cases the disloyalty was pointed out was either temporary or exceptional, and that it had never developed into actual infidelity. It could not be denied, he said, that the revolutionary propaganda was being industriously worked in the army and in the navy, but it was not because the national characters were fixed and the national traditions were too deeply rooted. The correspondent suggested the possibility of a sudden coup by which the republicans would seize the reins of government, to which Count Witte replied that the members of such party would be ruthlessly outdone by the imperial troops. "The idea of such republican government subsiding for seven three days, the premier said, could only be entertained by foreigners who had never had an opportunity to study the Russian national character, or by thoughtless Russians who were incapable of interpreting that character."

"Russian national life," said Count Witte, "is pivoted on loyalty to the Emperor, and how deep rooted and widespread and faithful is this principle will be seen if revolutionists should be foolish enough to build upon a contrary assumption."

Regarding his own position Count Witte said that certainly his health was not improved but he was quite strong enough to continue the discharge of his duties, and was therefore resolved to faithfully remain at his post, since neither personal ambition nor any motive but duty to the Emperor and the fatherland had actuated his acceptance of the heavy responsibility attaching to his office.

Flight With Cossacks.

Moscow (Tuesday, Dec. 12, by telephone to St. Petersburg, Dec. 12, via Edytukhnen, East Prussia).—A veritable panic prevails on the bourse. The complete collapse of business in the provinces has been attended by many bankruptcies.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Two Fires in Winnipeg—Store Destroyed at Neepawa.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The machine shops of Stuart Millinery Company were partially destroyed by fire tonight. The loss will amount to \$10,000 fully insured. Fifty hands are thrown out of employment. The residence of Chase, E. H., was also burned tonight, loss \$2,000. Insurance, \$400.

Hotel Destroyed.
Wahgon, Dec. 13.—Dyment hotel, together with contents, burned this morning, loss \$4,000. Insurance, \$2,500. Work of incendiary.

Neepawa, Man., Dec. 13.—Foulton Bros' general store and contents were totally destroyed by fire this morning, and the proprietors barely escaped with their lives. The loss will be very heavy, as there was little insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Bank of Commerce.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The annual statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the year ending November 30th shows a net profit for the year of \$1,375,167.33, premium on stock of \$1,000,000, and a total of \$2,375,167.33. One million dollars was transferred to the rest fund bringing the rest up to \$4,500,000.

Hold-Up and Theft.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Lawrence Smith, of Galt, was this morning sentenced to ten years in Kingston penitentiary on charges of hold-up and theft. Smith was let off on suspended sentence in October, 1904, for similar offence. In passing sentence, Judge Chisholm said he was giving Smith the severest sentence he had ever inflicted since he had been on the bench.

NEW USE FOR MOTOR CARS.

How Antarctic Explorer Proposes to Reach the South Pole.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—M. Henryk Arctowski, the Antarctic explorer, gives some further details of his daring plan to reach the mysterious regions of the South Pole.

He proposes to do it by motor car. From the natural landing places of the Southern Seas there exists a vast field of smooth ice, which is supposed to cover the polar region without breakages or crevasses—a flat field of ice as smooth as a frozen pond.

Other explorers have been on that field, but they could not go fast enough to complete their exploration. Captain Scott travelled over the ice for five months, but his dogs could make only ten miles per day, and in the end he was driven back by fear of starvation.

Mr. Arctowski's solution of the difficulty is simple. Travel ten times as fast, and the Pole will be reached long before there is any danger of the food giving out. He proposes to do this by using motor cars, and the idea is approved as possible both by Captain Scott and Mr. Shackleton, who accompanied him on his long journey over the ice field.

The motor car designed for Polar exploration will of course be a very different affair from that used in towns. The wheels, for instance, are to be a foot in width, tyre with leather and studded with long protruding nails to give them a hold in the frozen snow. Under the car will run a blade like the runner of a Canadian sledge, and the weight of the car will rest on that blade and not on the wheels.

UNITED STATES SENATE.

Bill Making an Appropriation For the Panama Canal Will Be Taken Up Thursday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—When the senate convened to-day Vice-President Fairbanks presented an extract from the minutes of the senate of Canada, expressing thanks for the cordial reception extended by the senate and House of Representatives to Hon. H. Dandurand, speaker of the Canadian senate, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, ex-premier and senator, and Senator McEwen at the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on appropriations, reported the bill making an appropriation for the Panama canal work, and he gave notice that he would ask the senate to take it up to-morrow. He said the committee was of the opinion that \$11,000,000 would be sufficient for present purposes, and that the amount had been lent as fixed by the House.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

Against Railway Company and Two Former Officials.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 13.—The federal grand jury has returned indictments against the Chicago & Alton Railway Company, John M. Patton, former president of the company, and J. A. Wann, former general freight agent, for alleged granting of rebates to the packing firm of Schwarzschild & Solzberger, and giving free transportation to employees of these companies.

Secret Hearing.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The federal grand jury to-day began an investigation into the charges of the rebating of the railroads. The hearing will be secret.

MISS ROOSEVELT'S ENGAGEMENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Formal announcement was made to-day by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt of the engagement of their daughter Alice Lee Roosevelt to Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress from the first district of Ohio, one of the Cincinnati districts. Coupled with the announcement of the engagement is the additional announcement that the wedding will take place about the middle of next February.

While arrangements for the wedding have not been made, it is expected that it will occur at the White House.

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PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

Report of Work Issued by the Secretary of the American Board.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—A summary of the work of the Protestant foreign missions, made public to-day by Rev. Dr. E. B. Strong, secretary of the American Board, shows that there are 6,063 male and 5,154 female missionaries, 5,286 native laborers and 1,325,815 communicants at the 20,641 stations and out-stations. This is an increase during the past year of 103,732 communicants. There are 901,112 persons under instruction. The total income of all societies in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and continental Europe is \$15,161,388. Of this the United States alone gave \$7,060,701.

Secretary Strong states that the Turkish government has not been fulfilled, and that the Porte has decided also to fulfill the stipulations made.

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED.

Another Demonstration—Representatives Interview the Premier and John Burns.

London, Dec. 13.—Another demonstration of the unemployed occurred to-day, but the numbers of participants and the absence of speakers indicated waning interest in these operations of the social democratic league. The paraders traversed Belgrave Square in order to show the Premier Campbell-Bannerman, and a couple of representatives were admitted to interview the Premier, who had invited John Burns, the president of the local government board, who it is now known expressed a desire for his appointment to that position, so that he might deal with the unemployed question. The Premier, replying to the deputation, said he greatly sympathized with the men who were out of work, and he would give the fullest consideration to the question.

MUSIC IN GRAVEYARD.

Young Tradesman Played Violin Over the Tomb of His Bride.

Sounds of music coming from the cemetery in the middle of the night have terrified the inhabitants of the Swiss village of Brezgia, near the Austrian frontier for some days.

Two gendarmes hid themselves one night behind a tombstone in order to investigate. They saw a young tradesman named Wolff climb over a cemetery wall, pull a violin from under his coat, and standing over a newly made grave begin to play "Bohemian Girl."

They listened to the end, and then went up to the man, who said that he had been playing the tune over the tomb of his bride, who had died the week before. "It was the piece she liked best," he said to the gendarmes who led him away for inquiry as to his sanity.

INSURANCE AFFAIRS.

President of Prudential Life Gives Evidence—C. A. Peabody's Statement to Policy Holders.

New York, Dec. 13.—Senator John P. Dryden, president of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, testified before the committee to-day and made a statement to the committee of his reasons for favoring federal supervision of life insurance companies through a national insurance department, which, he said, should have high authority over them. This, he said, would benefit both the companies and the insurance holders.

The tendency of industrial policies in the Prudential and Metropolitan Life Insurance Companies to lapse was commented on in great detail by Chas. B. Hughes, counsel for the committee, who quoted a statement of the Prudential Company that 72 per cent. of its industrial policies lapse within five years from the date of issue. Senator Dryden declared that this is much to be regretted from the standpoint of the company, as well as from that of the insured, and that the tendency now is toward a greater persistency on the part of industrial insurance, which, even with high rates and tendency to lapse, is the greatest economic force now in operation in this country.

Just before adjournment to-day Hayley Fiske, vice-president of the Metropolitan Company, told of an incident in which that company commissioned VITTORIO A. BERTI to buy 3,333 shares of the stock for the company. Mr. Fiske said that Mr. Bert had the same day sold the stock to a company of brokers at \$10 a share less than the broker sold it to the Metropolitan. Mr. Fiske had tried to get the money back, but Mr. Bert refused to surrender it.

John C. Moore, actuary of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, was first called to the witness stand to-day. He submitted a statement of dividends paid by Industrial Insurance to the industrial department was: Received in premiums, \$10,485,372; paid out to policy holders, \$20,240,948; \$34,598,000 of this was for death claims, \$2,046,739 in cash surrender values, and \$2,559,671 in dividends.

Pledged to Reform.

New York, Dec. 13.—Mr. Peabody, the newly elected president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, tonight issued this statement: "I have this day been appointed to the presidency of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and have accepted the position. I desire to communicate directly with the policy holders of the company for whose benefit a great trust is being administered. No private interest controls this company and I enter upon the discharge of my duties as the representative of the policy holders, chosen unanimously by their representatives, the board of trustees. The new administration stands pledged to economy, to lawful methods and to

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
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Victoria, Dec. 14-5 a. m.—The weather remains threatening west of the Cascades and rain has fallen on the coast of Vancouver Island and Washington. Fair and comparatively mild weather continues in Cariboo and Kootenay, also in the prairie provinces.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, mostly cloudy, not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, cloudy, with occasional rains, not much change in temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 45; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 28; minimum, 23; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 26; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 1 mile S.; weather, cloudy.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 16; minimum, 14; wind, 8 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
8th to 12th December, 1905.

The first three days of this week were unsettled and showery, both in this vicinity and the Lower Mainland, then the barometer became abnormally high over the Pacific slope, and by the 7th it had risen to 30.2 inches over Western Oregon. This change caused a general fair spell on the Coast, extending northward to Port Simpson. At the same time in Cariboo over thirteen inches of snow fell and several inches in Kootenay. There have been no high winds reported on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia, while on the Washington coast a velocity of 18 miles an hour was reached during the night of Tuesday, 12th.

The climate in the Atlin district was unusually mild, the temperature only fell below zero upon two days, and usually ranged from 24 to 26 above. At Dawson steady cold weather prevailed, with the lowest daily temperature ranging from 16 to 20 below zero. The weather in the prairie provinces was comparatively mild and no zero temperatures occurred until the last day of the week, and then only in Manitoba.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 10 hours and 12 minutes; rain, .71 inch; highest temperature, 60.1 on 11th; lowest, 35.8 on 8th.
Vancouver—Rain, .58 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 6th; lowest, 39 on 3rd.
New Westminster—Rain, .42 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 6th; lowest, 34 on 9th and 10th.

Kamloops—Snow, 3.6 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 6th; lowest, 28 on 9th.
Barkerville—Snow, 16 inches; highest temperature, 24 on 6th, 9th and 10th; lowest, 14 on 8th.
Port Simpson—Rain, 1.2 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 9th; lowest, 24 on 12th.
Atlin—Snow, 1.2 inch; highest temperature, 36 on 9th; lowest, 8 below on 7th.
Dawson—Snow, 4.6 inches; highest temperature, 4 below on 12th; lowest, 40 below on 7th and 8th.

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chapship of the South Park school have not since been removed nor in any way modified, but still remain in their full force and effect. It is therefore impossible for the board to accede to the request of the petitioners who have asked for Miss Cameron's reinstatement.

Speaking to the motion, Trustee Lewis stated that he was in a rather awkward position, being asked to vote upon a question, the facts of which were obscure to him. Unfortunately he had not been present at the meetings during which Miss Cameron's case had been considered and dealt with, he had seen no drawing books, had had nothing to do with the drafting of the report, nor with the dismissal. He did not wish to go back on the board's action, however, always having had confidence in what the majority should consider best. But under the circumstances he thought it would be better to allow the matter to stand over until after the commission.

This statement was received in silence, and then Trustee Lewis hastily rose to his feet and added, "Mind, I'm not cavilling on this question."

Trustee Mowat: "It looks very much like it." In explanation Trustee Huggett said that the report of the board with reference to the drawing books had nothing to do with Miss Cameron's dismissal. That had been brought about by the latter's refusal to comply with the board's request to produce the affidavits taken from the children. Although he hadn't been present at the meeting when the resignation of the principal of the South Park school had been demanded, there was no doubt that he would have voted with the majority. He could not see why Miss Cameron should not have answered more courteously. The trouble might thus have been avoided. The findings of the commission, he concluded, would not alter the board's attitude. Trustee Mrs. Jenkins stated that, although one of the culprits who had voted for Miss Cameron's dismissal, she was glad she had the courage of her convictions. She objected to the contention that the affidavits were taken up behalf of the children.

An amendment to the effect that the petition be referred to a committee to report was introduced by Trustee Dr. Hall. Trustee Mowat wanted to know what advantage would be derived in postponing definite action. The board had taken a position from which they didn't intend and had no inclination to recede from.

Trustee Dr. Hall, however, thought the best way out of the difficulty would be to defer all action until after hearing the voice of the commission. It would be unparliamentary to do otherwise. Trustee Jay thought there would be no advantage in postponing matters. The board had not acted hastily in taking action. As far as he personally was concerned he had voted for her dismissal only after very mature deliberation. Since then nothing had occurred to show that he or the others were in the wrong; in fact he was more than ever ready to say that they had acted in the proper manner.

The motion was then put and carried. Trustee Dr. Hall only dissenting. A second petition, which follows, was also submitted: Victoria, B. C., 13th December, 1905. To the Chairman and Board of School Trustees of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen—Having noticed in the public papers an item intimating that one of the matters to come up for consideration by your board at its monthly meeting this evening will be "the question of the appointment of a teacher to the principalship of the South Park school," we, the undersigned, for ourselves and many others who, as ratepayers and otherwise, take an interest in the matter, desire to suggest very respectfully to your board the propriety of abstaining from appointing a new principal until, at all events, a decision shall have been arrived at in the case now pending before the present principal and your board before the commissioner who has been appointed to make an investigation. This we do without any reference to the merits of the question at issue.

The Christmas holidays being so near it is considered that before the re-opening of the schools there will be sufficient time to complete the investigation, or, if not, that some suitable arrangement of a temporary nature as regards the principalship of South Park school can easily be made—thus avoiding the appearance of undue or unbecomely haste on the part of the trustees.

We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants. A. Munro, Bishop Edward Cridge, R. Orin (Archbishop), Chas. E. Redfern, H. Smith, F. B. Pemberton, Ludley Croome, R. L. Fraser, G. M. Jones, P. Hickox, C. C. Pemberton, Jim. Irving, I. Goodacre, Joseph Hunter, A. W. Bridgman, J. H. Lawson, Jas. Thomson, C. F. Ford, E. B. Marvin, F. F. Hedgoc, L. G. McQuade, Gordon P. Grant, John G. Cox, Jas. Forman, J. S. Helmcken.

Trustee Dr. Hall, although not in favour of legislation by petition, suggested that the request be granted in this instance. He thought the appointment of a teacher to the position vacated by Miss Cameron until after the proceedings of the commission inadvisable.

Speaking on this question Trustee Jay did not think it necessary that such action should be taken immediately. He thought there was sufficient material on the staff at the present time to ensure the efficiency of the work. There were a number of alterations which would have to be made at the commencement of the new term. For instance it would probably be found expedient to place a new instructor on the staff of Victoria College, such addition having been made necessary by the introduction of a commercial course. In his opinion it would be a good plan to ask the superintendent to draw up a schedule of assignments. This was apparently accessible to the majority of the board. No definite action was taken, however, the matter being left in abeyance.

The petition was laid on the table, the only dissenting voice being that of Trustee Mowat.

Secretary Eaton submitted the statistics regarding the school attendance which have already been published in these columns. Received and filed.

The finance committee's report recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$452.62. Adopted unanimously. Trustee Huggett wanted to know whether anything had been done in reference to the compilation of a cal-

ender for the Victoria College. He pointed out that a somewhat extended course would be necessary when the proposed commercial course was introduced.

In this connection Superintendent Eaton reported having received a number of applications for the position of instructor of the new branch of study. These had come as a result of advertisements in the Toronto Globe, other eastern papers and communications with colleges.

Trustees Lewis and Dr. Hall supported the suggestion that pupils of the High school be permitted to enter the course from the time of their entrance. The withholding of that privilege for a year, they contended, was twelve months lost, something they did not think wise.

Replying Trustee Huggett and Jay explained that many now entering the college were only from twelve to fourteen years of age. Their education was by no means complete, and they should be permitted to continue their general studies before undertaking any extras.

Upon motion by Trustee Huggett it was decided to adopt draft calendar submitted by Principal Paul, of Victoria College.

Trustee Huggett moved that a committee be appointed to consider a drawing system, more comprehensive and satisfactory than that now in vogue. He added that the Vancouver school board was calling for applications for a drawing master the idea being the same as that outlined in his suggestion. This was seconded by Trustee Dr. Hall.

Replying to this Trustee Huggett spoke very warmly. He branded the system now in vogue as "rotten," and thought some decisive action should be taken to remedy the existing evil.

When put the motion carried, Trustee Jay being the only one voting contra. Trustees Huggett and Dr. Hall were selected to act.

Trustee Dr. Hall wanted to know whether the lectures on tuberculosis were being continued. He suggested that the series be reopened as members of the medical council would be willing to contribute.

A question was asked by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins in reference to the proposed medical inspection of the local public schools. She was informed that no reply had yet been received from the council of public instruction.

In this connection Trustee Dr. Hall expressed the opinion that some action should be taken towards informing the students of the rudiments of the diagnosis of contagious diseases. Such a thing would be quite simple and, he thought, should be taken up and dealt with. Another matter, however, of the greatest importance, and one upon which, he supposed, the majority would disagree with him was the necessity of instruction in sexual hygiene. The lack of knowledge along this line, he said, was the cause of disease, which was depopulating the world to a far greater extent than tuberculosis or any other malady with which public organizations were so much concerned. He would like to suggest that the students of the Victoria College might be segregated, and a course of lectures inaugurated; the boys being addressed by some member of the Victoria Medical Association, and the girls by a lady medical practitioner, who had expressed a willingness to undertake the task.

Trustee Huggett heartily endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. He believed that the evil was quite as serious as had been described. It was a splendid move, and met with his approval.

Trustee Mrs. Jenkins was of much the same opinion. But she thought that the senior grade pupils of the lower schools should be given the advantage of the proposed lecture.

Superintendent Eaton did not believe in placing the control of schools in the hands of the Victoria Medical Association to too great an extent. It was an estimable organization, but he thought it would be much better to have a committee appointed to make necessary arrangements.

Trustee Huggett moved, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins that the secretary of the Victoria Medical Association be requested to arrange for one lecture to girls and boys of Victoria College respectively, subject to the consent of the parents.

He, however, did not carry. Trustee Dr. Hall being placed in charge of the arrangements upon his volunteering. Besides, lectures at the High school he will deliver a discourse on contagious diseases, and the simplest methods of detecting their members of the Teachers' Institute.

Chairman Boggs suggested that the board should be represented by counsel at the commission.

On motion the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

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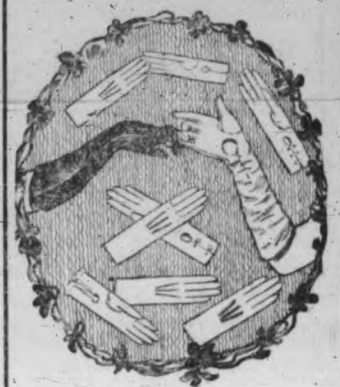
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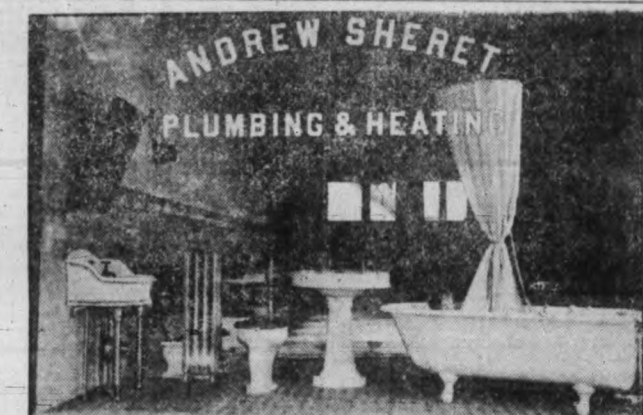
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SASKATCHEWAN.

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan did not gain such a sweeping victory as did his brother Premier in Alberta. That was hardly to be expected. There was a real opposition leader in the field in Saskatchewan. Mr. Haultain was shrewd enough to perceive he had no chance whatever to win in a straight party fight between Liberals and Conservatives. Therefore for the time being he discarded the political principles he had so lately been advocating in Ontario and became a Chauvinist. In the earlier stages of the campaign Mr. Haultain was studiously moderate in his utterances upon the subject of the school question. His determination appeared to be to blow hot and to blow cold in the hope of retaining the support of his old friends the moderates, who had so faithfully stood by him in the past and made him the dominant power in the Northwest. But later he "came out strong" as the only truly patriotic politician in the province—as the only source of political peace and salvation. He conducted a very adroit campaign, and he received substantial assistance from his old-time friend and the erstwhile strong ally of the Conservative party, Archbishop Langevin.

All the issues considered, and not forgetting the strong force Mr. Haultain has been in the public life of the Northwest for so many years, Premier Scott achieved a signal victory. He showed considerable courage in retiring from the Dominion House of Commons and assuming the responsibility of directing the first provincial government of Alberta. Ex-Premier Haultain understood the political situation thoroughly. He chose his own ground and conducted the battle of his lifetime. If he had considered Alberta a more likely field in which to make a final strong plea to his friends to stand by him he could have done so. But he evidently thought Saskatchewan was the more likely province for the purpose he had in view. A man of clean public record, able and resourceful, popular and trusted, with a halo of inevitable success encircling his brow, the task of meeting and overcoming Mr. Haultain required courage and determination. But the work has been accomplished, and we believe it will redound to the material and ethical interests of the province of Saskatchewan. Premier Scott had already achieved a reputation in the Dominion Parliament as one of the rising young public men of the country. He will govern Saskatchewan with wisdom, discretion and ability. When his first four-year term as Premier has expired it will be found that the school question is no longer an issue between the parties.

POLITICAL TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

"Some of the early bulletins issued by courtesy of the C. P. R. indicated that the Scott government had been defeated." Just so. Some of the early bulletins issued by courtesy of the C. P. R. indicated that the Laurier government had been defeated in 1900 and 1904. They even indicated that the Conservative opposition was "sweeping the country." So we realize that the issuing of bulletins of an unreliable character about election time has become a mere matter of habit with

the C. P. R. Perhaps the fact that the Liberal party has been in favor of a policy designed to open up Canada, east and west, to settlement, and that the development of the country cannot be accomplished except by the construction of railways, has had some effect upon the political attitude of the C. P. R. The Liberal attitude at Ottawa encouraged the Grand Trunk to commence construction upon what will within a few years be a transcontinental railway line. The Liberal government at Ottawa absolutely refused to acquiesce in the desire of the C. P. R. to have the construction of the Great Northern railway through British Columbia blocked in order that the C. P. R.'s monopoly might be maintained. The completion of the Canadian Northern railway from eastern points to Edmonton the C. P. R. blames for the dislocation of rates to the prairies and the creation of the acute transportation situation in the city of Vancouver. So it appears that railway competition has a disturbing effect upon transportation business. It dislocates arrangements sometimes that are entirely satisfactory to monopolies and completely unsatisfactory to people who have been compelled to have dealings with monopolies. Furthermore, we have had the assurance of Premier Scott of Saskatchewan that the C. P. R. was opposing his government with all the activity it dared to display. Hence we are justified in expressing the opinion that the C. P. R. desired the defeat of the Scott government because it was representative of the Liberalism that has been so disturbing to the plans of a transportation monopoly. No doubt the C. P. R. hoped that its early bulletins respecting the voting in Saskatchewan would be borne out by later returns. But they were not. The early C. P. R. bulletins were in accord with precedent. They were not correct. The Scott government has been sustained by a good majority—by a handsome majority considering the powerful influences that were arrayed against it.

AN IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

The next Colonial conference, as already announced in the news dispatches, is to be held in 1907, instead of next year. The postponement is due to the inability of the representatives of Australia and New Zealand to attend in 1905. On November 29th the Dominion government was informed of this by the Imperial government and asked to assent to the postponement, and the assent was forwarded from Ottawa on December 4th. Certain news dispatches from the East have been so colored as to create the impression that the postponement was due in some way to the attitude of the Canadian government, but there is absolutely no foundation for any such suggestion.

Three conferences have been held. One in 1887, one in 1897 and one in 1902. They were called Colonial Conferences. They have been gradually assuming what the Colonial Secretary calls "a more definite shape and a more continuous status." He has suggested that the name of these gatherings should be changed to "Imperial Council." He has also suggested that a permanent commission should be appointed which will deal with matters of the class which are usually referred to Royal Commissions or departmental committees, in order that the Imperial Council, when it assembles, may have the necessary data before it to enable it to deal intelligently with such questions as it may take up, the scope of the Commission's work to be limited to subjects referred to it by the Imperial Council or the Imperial government acting in concert with the Colonial governments. The details of organization of the proposed Commission are not at present material.

To the proposed change of name, the Dominion government objects that the term "Imperial Council" might be understood as implying a more formal, continuous and potential organization than is wholly compatible with the self-government of the component parts of the Empire, but the suggestion is thrown out that the term "Imperial Conference" might not be open to such an objection. Under any circumstances the Dominion government thinks that the name of the body might well be left to the determination of the body itself. In regard to the proposed permanent commission, the Dominion government feels that it might interfere with the working of the principles of responsible government, but admits that the subject is one that might be very advantageously inquired into at the next Colonial Conference. We quote from the dispatch sent to the Colonial Secretary: "The committee are sensible that such a Commission would greatly facilitate the work of the Conference and at the same time add to the dignity and importance of that assembly." Both the Imperial and the Dominion governments think "that political instructions to the members of the conferences may often be left to develop in accordance with circumstances," which is the true principle underlying the growth of the relations between the Mother Country and the Colonies—a broadening down "from precedent to precedent."

The attitude of the Dominion government on this important question will commend itself to all thoughtful citizens of the Empire. A permanent Imperial Commission gathering data to be dealt with by a permanent Imperial Council implies a change in the

relations of the Colonies and the United Kingdom. They would be expected to surmount to be settled by a few more or less confidential dispatches passing between governments. The people, not only of the Colonies, but also of the Mother Country, need to be informed as to what such a proposal means and what measure of control of their own would not be departing from the principle, before committing themselves to it. There may enable the British people to distinguish between those classes of subjects which can be wisely left to the determination of an Imperial Council and those which must be confined to the legislative bodies of the several parts of the Empire, but if any one should say that no definition of subjects in this regard ought ever to be made, but that the relations of the Colonies to the Mother Country should be permitted to develop freely along the lines of least resistance, he would not be departing from the principle upon which the Empire has been built up. So vast and complex an organization as the British Empire cannot be reorganized like a stock company.

CASTLES IN THE AIR.

We are informed that Conservatives at Ottawa were greatly rejoiced by the news received last night from Saskatchewan. Mr. Haultain was, it is said, showered with congratulations upon the achievement of a great victory. The leader of the opposition in Saskatchewan has not won a great victory; and even had Mr. Haultain been victorious, why should Conservatives at the federal capital rejoice at his victory and congratulate him upon the result of the first provincial contest? Mr. Haultain did not conduct the campaign as a Conservative. He expressly disavowed any connection with Toryism. He appealed to the electorate of Alberta as an independent and a provincial rights champion. He made a strong point of the fact that his case was addressed to all people irrespective of old-line political affiliations and ostentatiously pointed out that several of his candidates were professors of the Liberal faith in federal politics. And so we ask, in the light of facts, why should Conservatives rejoice in the defeat of a victory for Mr. Haultain? The attitude of the leader of the opposition proclaimed with a distinctness that could not be mistaken his belief that the title of leader of a Conservative party possessed neither virtue nor attraction to the minds of the people of Saskatchewan. It was not a designation to conjure with. There was no hope whatever of achieving victory by adopting it. It was considered wise, judicious and politic to take refuge under the flag of independence. As there was neither virtue nor strength nor credit to be gained by association with Conservatism, is not the conclusion logical that the old faith is but a struggling, feeble shoot on the prairies? Does not the result in Alberta, where the leader of the party fought in the open, coupled with the defeat in Saskatchewan, where the leader slipped from the ramparts of independence, indicate a state of complete Tory demoralization?

In two years the treasury of the United States has shown a deficit of more than sixty millions of dollars. But that is an insignificant sum compared with the enormous total of the revenue of the country. Still the treasury is going behind, and the government has enormous works such as the construction of the Panama Canal and the creation of the greatest of navies on its hands. Ordinary expenditure is more than keeping pace with the increase of population. There is a possibility that in the not distant future the political head of the treasury department may find that he has a serious problem on his hands.

Of course the farmers of the prairies are a selfish lot. But in extenuation of their meanness and compulsion to point out that while they demand a general reduction of the tariff and the abolition of the duties on certain articles of consumption altogether they express their perfect willingness to compete against all comers in the commodities they produce. They are agreeable to the abolition of all duties on agricultural products.

In the past half dozen years we have been confronted with many portents of the "beginnings of the ends" of "Laurierism." There was another yesterday in the victory of Premier Scott in Saskatchewan. Election portents, like dreams, must "go by contraries."

WHERE HE GETS HIS.

Chicago Daily News.
Applicant (at the pearly gates)—"May I come in?"
St. Peter—"What business were you engaged in while on earth?"
Applicant—"I owned several apartment houses, and—"
St. Peter (interrupting)—"Sorry, but I'm afraid the children here would annoy you. Go bump the bumps."

THE MINISTERIAL TOUR.

Nelson News.
The Victoria Colonist refers to the visit of Premier McBride to Ottawa and other Eastern points as a sacred mission, regarding which absolute secrecy should be observed, and intimates that it is little short of impudence for newspapers to express any opinion on the subject. This is a very silly attitude. Premier McBride will certainly expect the country to pay the cost of his Eastern trip, and if it was made in the interests of the province no one will object

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DAVE'S RECKLESSNESS.

Granbrook Herald.
Dave Carley, of the Nelson Economist, will start a daily paper in Nelson about the first of April. The paper will be changed in name and the Economist will cease to exist. Dave Carley is one of the best known newspaper men in the province, and one of the best writers, but what in the world he wants to quit the easy life he has led in Nelson for the past ten years and jump into the turmoil and struggle of printing a second daily in Nelson is beyond our comprehension. But since he is going to do it we wish him all the luck that can possibly be secured in his venture.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Granbrook Herald.
What is the matter with the Golden Star? For two weeks it has just ap-

FATHER'S YULETIDE BLISS.

J. W. Foley in New York Times.
Mother's knitting woolen socks.
Half a dozen pairs.
Mamma's making fancy stocks.
Such as no one wears.
Sally's working-table aprons.
Done with fringe and frills.
What's the wonder Father dreads
Christmas day goods bills.

Amy's making handkerchiefs
Out of filmy lace.
Mary's fixing powder puffs—
Such a merry race.
Cousins, sisters, chums and aunts
Each has something made;
What's the wonder Father pants
When the bills are paid.

Mollie's painting bugs and things
On a hilly pad;
Proudly when it's finished brings
What she's done to Dad.
Making pine or ten.
Father's heavy eyebrows lift—
Lift—and fall again.

All the house with scraps is strewn—
Ribbon, silk and lace.
Needles clicking night and noon
At a merry pace.
Christmas still a month away,
So much to be done;
Father has the bills to pay—
Such a bit of fun!

Ab, but what a splendid treat
Father has in store;
Bedroom slippers for his feet,
Seven pairs or more.
Nightgowns, socks and various
Things he never saw;
Heterogeneous mugs—
Lucky, lucky Pa!

Amy wants a sealskin sacque,
Mollie wants a dress,
Anne wants a music rack,
Father's in distress.
And when Christmas time draws near,
With its quid quo pro,
Vows before another year
He will learn to sew!

REPROVED.

Buffalo Times.
A boy of straight Puritan extraction was called one day by his mother from the yard where he was playing with some other boys. In a tone of mingled sadness and severity she said:
"Noble, my son, I never thought to hear you use a swear word!"
"Why, mother," said the boy, "I didn't use any swear word. I only said the devil. Nobody thinks that's swearing."
"I don't care," cried the mother, quickly; "it's making light of sacred things."

THE BISHOP'S MOVE.

A certain bishop was at a lecture in Manchester one evening, when he saw, two seats ahead of him, a man whom he took to be an acquaintance.
Seeing no other way to attract his attention, the bishop asked a stranger sitting next to him to punch the other man with his umbrella. This was done, and as the disturbed man began to turn his head, the bishop discovered that he was not the person he supposed.

The bishop immediately lost all interest in him, and fastened his gaze attentively on the lecturer, leaving the man with the umbrella to settle with the man he had disturbed—an embarrassing and difficult task.
At last the man with the umbrella turned rather indignantly to the bishop, and said: "You tell me to punch that person with my umbrella!"

"Yes."
"And what did you want?"
"I wanted to see whether you would punch him or not," was the reply.
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This then, was the game. The black thing was the skin of a freshly killed sheep, thrown, still bloody, into the arena by some official at the start, grabbed up from the ground by some one of the horde of horsemen, and its possession to be defended by its momentary holder against any faction of a thousand riders throughout the day. There was no scoring and no goal. The game must have been evolved in the pure love of horse and horsemanship. Whoever had the skin was, by the act of possession, constituted "it," and an object of mob violence until some one else wrested the trophy from him. With the skin tucked securely away between his knee and the saddle, he who was "it" would lead the chase round and across the arena, straight through the stagnant pool opposite us, over the hill and out of sight. Lost to the view of the spectators, he would suddenly appear at some other spot on the crest, and tear pell mell down its side with fifty horsemen at his heels. The skin might change hands half a dozen times in as many minutes, or it might

be held until its guardian was forced, by the tiring of his horse, to give it up. Then there would be a quick pass to his nearest neighbor, and away the skin would go, under the spur of fresh life. As it came dashing across the basin, waiting horsemen, scattered about, would suddenly spring into motion and join the throng, while in its wake there formed a long line of panting animals, "brown with dust and sweat, their labors for the moment over." From "A National Game of Turkestan," by James Locks, in Scribner's.

RICH MINES IN MANCHURIA.

Manchuria is interesting the miner and engineer as well as the soldier, and has been found to contain minerals of great value. The best known are the coal deposits, which have been frequently distributed by erosion, and may not, on the whole, prove profitable. While used at present for local consumption and for the iron industry, they do not seem at for locomotive or steamers; in the iron industry and for ordinary steam engines they may do. Copper and lead ores are found in several places in Eastern Manchuria. Apart from iron, gold is perhaps the most important metal. It has been traced in several places, close to Port Arthur for one, where the sands of the coast also contain gold. Gold quartz has also been found at Pei-hu-tai, and gold is likewise found near Kryn and other places, and several of the streams carry gold.

TENNIS AN OLD GAME.

Tennis was played in London in the sixteenth century in covered courts erected for the purpose. Both Henry VII and Henry VIII were fond of the game, and the latter added to the palace of Whitehall "tennis courts." Charles II. was an accomplished tennis player and had particularly dresses for playing in.

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—If you think he or she would like
a handsome umbrella for a Christmas
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ernment street.

—All up-to-date conveniences for the
traveling public are found on the
"North Coast Limited" train of the
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—Morris' reclining chairs, solid oak,
from \$5.50 to \$35; reversible cushions,
back and seat. New coverings just
in. Come and have a look. Smith &
Champion. Phone 718.

—We aim to please, for the best
advertisement is a well satisfied cus-
tomer. Weiler Bros.

—There are gasoline engines of many
makes and descriptions, but there was
only one secured the gold medal for
this type of marine propulsion at the
Louisiana purchase exposition, St.
Louis, last year, only one secured like
honors at the Lewis & Clark expo-
sition recently closed at Portland. This
engine is the celebrated Truscott. At
the above shows, all of the great
manufacturers of marine gas engines
exhibited, the Truscott product being
judged the best of all. Further com-
ment is unnecessary, but Hutchison
Bros., Broughton street, will be pleased
to give further particulars to any-
one inquiring for same. They also wish
to inform the public that they are now
building in Victoria launches of all
lengths from the models which have
been "admired so much wherever the
Truscott Company have exhibited."

—Next time you are in the store take
a look at the new folding card tables
with green baize tops, in oak or mahogany.
They come handy for occa-
sional uses, and when not required,
take up practically no room. They are
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constructed, and at the price, \$3.99, are
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Opposite Entrance to Grand Hotel.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

—There is nothing more acceptable
for a man's Christmas than one of our
overcoats, \$12 to \$25. "Fit Reform," 73
Government street.

Holiday Goods

Come and see my selection,
consisting of Toilet Sets, Perfumes,
etc. These are all at low prices.
J. TRAGUE,
Tel. 226. 27 Johnson St.

—Take in supply of "SLAB
WOOD" before the wet weather sets in.
To be had at Lemon, Gossman & Co.'s
mills. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery.

—When washing greasy dishes or pots and
pans, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder), will
remove the grease with the greatest ease.

—Flower vases that are different,
color, a rich dark green—embellished
with a lovely design in coin gold. Only
a few—just one or two of a kind—an
added charm, \$1.25 and \$1.75 each.
Weiler Bros.

—Paris panels (about twice the size of
cabinets) at \$7.00 is the Xmas special
at the Skeene Lowe studio.

—If you are going East, take the Nor-
thern Pacific's popular electric lighted
train "The North Coast Limited."

—Ladies are invited to see our line
of handsome smoking jackets for
Christmas. They're beautiful, and he
would like one. \$5.00 to \$10.00. "Fit Re-
form," 73 Government street.

—Carpet square, h-warth rug, mats,
linoleum, oil cloth and Japanese mat-
ting at Smith & Champion's, 100 Doug-
lass street. Phone 718. Call and see
them.

—Steamer "Princess Beatrice," sailing
from here daily, at 9 p.m., connects at
Seattle with Northern Pacific trains
for all points East and South.

—The local preachers of this city
will, by request, have charge of the
regular service in Emmanuel Baptist
church, Spring Ridge, this evening.

—The case of William Reid, who was
arrested on Friday evening last on the
charge of theft and forgery involving
the sum of \$100, came up in the city
police court this morning, and was re-
manded until Saturday.

—The body of William Withers is ex-
pected to arrive from Vancouver this
evening. Deceased was quartermaster
on the steamer Thistle, and the particu-
lars of his death are not yet to
hand. The funeral arrangements are
in charge of W. J. Hanna.

—The Vancouver Island Ploughing
Association will hold their annual
match at North Saanich on December
20th. Three classes will be open to
competition, professional, and amate-
urs and boys 17 years and under.
Entries can be made the day of the
match on the grounds.

—The demonstration which Miss
Underhill is arranging under the aus-
pices of the W. C. T. U. promises to be
a delightful entertainment. The pro-
ceeds are to be used to clear off the
remaining debt on the Refuge Home.
Miss Underhill will be assisted by the
young folks of the L. T. L. and some
leading local vocalists.

—An exhibition hockey game will be
played between the Victoria intermedi-
ate and Victoria college teams on
Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay. It
will take place immediately after the
ladies contest between the local and
Nanaimo eleven. The last contest be-
tween the intermediate and college
teams resulted in a victory for the
former by the narrow margin of one
goal to nil. The intermediates will
line up as follows: Matthews, goal-
keeper; Carney and Rowe, backs; H. Brown, C.
Jackson and J. McCarter, half backs;
C. Brown, Bray, Winsby, Heyland and
Simmons, forwards.

—A meeting of the Fernwood Muni-
cipal Association was held last even-
ing, there being present by invitation
Aldermen Hall, Hanna, Fell and Dou-
glas. Letters were received from Alder-
men Steward and Fullerton, explain-
ing their inability to attend. As B.
McNeil presided, and the chief matter
of discussion was the redistribution of
wards, each alderman present ex-
pressed his views on the question. Ald.
Fell stating at length the reasons why
he had not supported the by-law. Ald.
Douglas and the other two aldermen
in attendance declared themselves as
favorable to submitting the question
to a plebiscite. After considerable dis-
cussion W. Marchant moved that the
association desire again to place it,
self on record as being in favor of the
submission of a by-law providing for
the same be prepared also for submis-
sion to the people by plebiscite.

—It is reported that Hon. W. W. B.
McInnes, commissioner of the Yukon,
will make a trip to the coast early in
February.

—Steamer Conatilla arrived from the
Golden Gate last night with a very
small list of passengers for Victoria
and Sound ports.

—A card social and dance will be
held in the Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas
street, to-night under the auspices of
Dominion Lodge No. 4.

—The first of a series of socials to be
held during the winter by mem-
bers of the A. O. U. W. will be given
this evening in hall No. 2.

—A meeting of the directors of the
Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will
be held at the board of trade building
at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening next.

—The announcement that a resolu-
tion was passed at a meeting of the
Pacific Lumbermen's Association in
Tacoma on Tuesday agreeing on an
advance of lumber gives a somewhat
erroneous impression. The Times was
informed to-day that the higher tariff
will not go into effect here, but applies
only to the foreign trade.

—Raymond & Sons have begun work
on their new block on Pandora street.
The building will be constructed of
brick and stone, and is intended for the
use of the firm. It will have a front-
age of 40 feet on Pandora street, and
will be 70 feet in depth. The plan of
the firm handling its material direct
to the wagons, which may be taken
into the centre of the building.

—This evening the steamer City of
Puebla will sail for San Francisco
with the following cabin passengers
from Victoria: Clifford Little and wife,
John Douglas, Miss G. Urquhart, S. C.
Hosel, Miss J. M. Brown, Master J. W.
Brown, Mrs. M. L. Kelly, Mr. W. W.
Church, Miss C. Maguire, J. B. Hal-
cock, Miss L. Vosper, Miss E. E. Fer-
riss and A. Bryant.

—The trial in the case of Cheney vs.
Harrison is still in progress before Mc-
Justice Irving. In the action a claim
for \$2,500 is made. It is alleged that
C. A. Harrison as the lessee of the
Brighton Beach hotel, Los Angeles, did
not live up to the lease, but vacated
the hotel, on the other hand Mr. Har-
rison claims that the terms under
which he took the premises were not
complied with. A liquor license was
to be provided with was not done. He
further claims that he got an accept-
able tenant to take the hotel, and that
in reality \$200 was due to him.

—Ald. Lewis Hall announced this
afternoon that he will not be a candi-
date for the mayoralty this year. He
will, however, run in the aldermanic
contest for North Ward. Dr. Hall gives
among the reasons for reaching this
decision that pressure of business
would prevent him devoting sufficient
time to the duties of the mayoralty
office, and that he is anxious to see
the provisions of the by-law providing for
the installation of a new electric light
plant carried out. This by-law was
introduced by Ald. Hall as chairman
of the electric light committee.

—The following additional subscrip-
tions for the relief of the sufferers from
the Russian outrages are reported:
M. E. M. \$1; a friend, \$2; Rev. A.
Ewing, \$5; R. P. Rithet & Co., \$10; H.
H. Drake, \$5; H. Heisterman & Co.,
\$5; Fit Reform, \$2.50; W. & J. Wilson,
\$2.50; Chas. Hayward, \$2.50; J. H. Hin-
ton, \$2.50; M. R. Smith & Co., \$2.50;
D. E. Campbell, \$2.50; Terry & Merritt,
\$2.50; A. K. Munro, \$2.50; T. N. Hib-
ben & Co., \$2.50; B. C. Market, \$2.50;
T. Shotbolt, \$2.50; Dr. J. S. Helmcken,
\$5; Dr. O. M. Jones, \$2.50; Dr. Davis,
\$2.50; H. S. Henderson, \$1; G. D. Chris-
tie, \$1; W. B. Shakespeare, \$1; a
friend, 50 cents.

—The quarterly meeting of the board
of trade will be held this evening,
when the pilotage committee will pre-
sent its second report. The matter of
bridging Seymour Narrows will also
come up in the shape of a resolution
seeking to enlist the interest of other
public bodies in the subject. It will
be remembered that this matter was
brought up at a former meeting, when
it was decided to ask the Dominion
government for an appropriation to-
wards defraying the expense of ob-
taining an estimate of the work pro-
posed. Another subject for consid-
eration at to-night's meeting will be the
appointment of delegates to the Cana-
dian Forestry Association conven-
tion at Ottawa next month.

CLOSING OUT SALE.
Mammoth Business Being Done at the
Corner of Government and Fort
Streets.

—The closing out sale at the Westside
dry goods store, which is now in the
hands of the Buffalo Salvage Co., has far
surpassed even the expectations of the
widewake firm who have charge. The
entire stock will probably be cleared out
by Saturday night, for renewed energy
has been put forth and sweeping reduc-
tions made for the two closing days of
the sale.

—This is a sale that means much to the
people of Victoria, coming as it does just
at holiday time, thereby giving all an
opportunity to secure good useful pre-
sents at low prices.

—Thousands of people have already
availed themselves of the values offered
in this closing out of one of Victoria's
largest retail establishments.
The firm of Hutchison & Co. always
catered to the select trade of the city
and surrounding country. In winding up
any business it is the best and highest
priced goods that remain till the last, and
in the present case there will be no ex-
ception. Some of the very best goods
ever imported into the store are now
going. A Times reporter was more than
surprised this morning when he went
over the store with Mr. Watson to see
the really wonderful bargains. Big re-
ductions from former prices have been
made. It would seem that every woman
in Victoria should attend this sale in
the two closing days. The building is
now leased, and must be turned over on
Saturday night.

—Necessity knows no law, but prices
so low to make the goods go. So say
the Buffalo Salvage Co.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

Will be Conducted at Victoria College
From Monday Until Wednesday
Next Week.

The High school entrance examina-
tions will commence on Monday. They
will be held at that institution, and
will continue until Wednesday. F. H.
Eaton, superintendent of education,
will have charge, and has already
made all preparations for the accom-
modation of the large number of can-
didates likely to present themselves.

Appended is the schedule for the ex-
amination:

Monday—British history, 9.30 to
10.30; native lessons, 10.45 to 11.45;
English literature, 1 to 2.30; reading,
2.30 to 3.30.
Tuesday—Arithmetic, 9.30 to 11; dic-
tation and spelling, 11 to 12; grammar
and composition, 1 to 3; reading, 3
to 4.
Wednesday—Drawing, 9.30 to 11.30;
geography, 1 to 2.15; Canadian history,
2.15 to 3.30.

PERSONAL.

J. Gourlay, of Galt, E. Davis, of Gold-
stream, W. H. Johnston, Nanaimo;
J. D. Mulvihill, of New York, W. A.
Wilby, of Port Huron, R. R. Burns, of
Armstrong, B. C.; Archdeacon and Mrs.
Scriven and Miss Kildgion, of Duncan;
Mrs. J. C. Donald and son, Miss Daisy
Donald, E. R. Hargy, Hugh B. Gilmour,
W. R. Earl, D. E. Carman, W. Burns,
J. D. Buchanan, J. Henry, A. C. Stewart,
G. E. Robinson, D. Blair, E. A. Wilmet,
T. R. E. McInnes, A. A. Cutting, A. D.
Hedden, R. H. Macdonald and Mrs. M. D.
Hedden and child, of Vancouver, are
at the King Edward.

—A. C. Sharpe and wife, of Moose Jaw,
are here to enjoy a change from the
coarse weather of the Northwest. They
are guests at the Dominion. Though
here but five days, Mr. Sharpe has been
so impressed with the city and climate
that he has decided to make this his
future home, and with this object in
view has purchased four lots facing the
old hotel site, Oak Bay.

—Thomas Stevenson, of the managerial
department of the Dominion hotel, is
taking a well earned holiday. He will
be gone for "Vancouver to-night," where he
will spend a week or ten days.

—C. F. Salisbury, advance agent of the
Russian opera company, is at the Do-
minion. The company will shortly make
its appearance here.

—Roy Finley was among the Victoria
passengers on the steamer Unatilla from
San Francisco last night.

—Hans Helgeson came down from Nanai-
mo to-day and is staying at the Do-
minion.

—Miss S. Green arrived from San Fran-
cisco on the steamer Unatilla last night.

—Prizes will be distributed at the
Collegiate school, Bulcher street, to-
morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Laing have
issued a number of invitations for the
occasion.

WISHES TO TESTIFY.

E. H. Harriman Will Appear Before
the Insurance Investigating
Committee.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Edward H. Har-
riman yesterday wrote to the legisla-
tive insurance investigating committee
asking that he be given an opportunity
to go on the stand to testify regarding
his attempt as described by Thomas
F. Ryan to share in Ryan's holdings
in the Equitable. The committee re-
plied that his request would be grant-
ed, and Mr. Harriman may testify to-
day.

NEW YORK JUSTICE DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Justice John
Courtney, one of the Judges of the
Court of Special Sessions for the bor-
oughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Rich-
mond, died to-day at his home in
Brooklyn.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The bank clear-
ings for the week ending to-day were
\$10,178,684. For the same week in 1914
the clearings were \$7,880,150, and in
1913, \$6,624,327.

THE "MAN EATER"

The "man eater" is the jungle night-
mare of India, and numerous are the
theories to account for its abnormal
appetite. Commonly it is said to be
an old tiger, which has found game
too difficult to bring down, or a sickly
tiger which has resorted to man-kil-
ling in its weakness as the easier
method. The consensus of opinion
among experienced hunters and ob-
servers is, however, that a man eater
is an ex-captive killer which in conflict
with herds, who often quite brave
in the defence of their cattle, has dis-
covered how much less work it is to
kill a man than cattle, for the cattle
killer is usually fat and lazy. Nothing
has been found so far as I have dis-
covered, to suggest appetite for human
flesh as the impelling motive, or that
man eaters reject all flesh not human,
or that the cubs of a man eating tigress
inherit the man-killing propensity.
Rather it is a case of contempt for man
breed of familiarity, and more often the
lust lays hold of the tigress, very like-
ly because in foraging for her cubs (as
she does until they begin to hunt for
themselves at seven months), and in
their defence, she has come more fre-
quently in contact with man, or it may
be because the female is more nume-
rous than the male, or because by na-
ture the slyer and more vicious. Cer-
tainly she is a fiend incarnate, when
every second year she gives birth to
cubs, usually two; which do not move
about with her until six weeks old,
and no doubt her disposition is not im-
proved by the necessity of concealing
the youngsters from the tiger, who
else would devour them. Caspar Whit-
ney in "The Trail of the Tiger."

TO FLORISTS.

Change for live-man with small capital.
SALE—Invertash Nursery with
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Our stock this Xmas is the most
complete in the CITY. We've
got everything you need in the
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HALF PRICE SALE

Every article in the store will be
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Stevens & Jenkins
84 DOUGLAS ST.

See the Finish on Friday and Saturday

Of the Westside Dry Goods Store

58 AND 60 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Which is Now in the Hands of THE BUFFALO SALVAGE COMPANY

The world's greatest Bargain givers. Saturday night will end all and it will be two days of the liveliest shopping Victoria folks ever witnessed. PRICES WILL BE CUT RIGHT AND LEFT to close out all the goods in the house. No regard for cost or value. The goods must go at any old price to get rid of them. Stay and see the finish. At 11 a.m. Friday we are going to put on sale a large table of Remnants and odd pieces of Goods, Coats, Jackets, Skirts, etc. Values up to \$30, which you can have your pick and choice of for only \$1.00. Bring \$1.00 Friday at 11 a.m. and get around the big table—Nothing sold from this table until the clock strikes eleven. RIBBONS—Now they will go. Friday and Saturday—the ribbons that sold from 75c down and which were sold in this sale at 25c to 10c, will be divided into 2 lots and will go for exactly 10c and 5c yd. Get enough to last you 2 years. You will never get such values again. Cotton Thread now goes 2 spools for 5c. It is not a case of choice with us, it is a case of MUST. The prices are now where MUST is doing it mighty fast. If you don't attend this sale Friday and Saturday you will regret it before Christmas.

DRESS GOODS	LININGS	CORSETS AND WAISTS	WHITE GOODS	NOTIONS	GLOVES
Every piece in the house will sell by Saturday night at the new prices. Elegant black dress goods, worth \$1.25. Now going for 33 1-2c Also fine cashmere and nun's veils. Be sure to see the fine tweeds that are now going for 62 1-2c	Very fine quilted silk, satin and and sateen linings. Worth \$1.00. Friday and Saturday, yard 25c 35c. and 40c. linings going for yard 10c	All children's Ferris hygienic waists, now for 25c Ladies' Ferris waists 25c Corsets—best in the world—La Vida. Now 3c Only a few left.	All white goods suffered an awful slash in price. Children's dresses, underclothing, corset covers, drawers, etc., have been reduced just double, and every garment will go by Saturday night.	We have simply cut them loose—third counter to left. POCKET BOOKS Just half the reduced prices. Look them over. On the first counter inside the door.	1,000 pair of fine kid gloves to sell Friday and Saturday. Including all kinds of the very best makes. Evening gloves, walking and driving gloves for women and children. We have "cut 'em loose." Fine \$1.00 and \$1.25 gloves, per pair 50c \$1.50 ones 70c Evening gloves 95c
LACES	CHIFFON	YARN	HOSIERY	MILLINERY	
It's a shame to do it; but we must. We have gone all through the laces, and now they will fly. Wash laces at 5c. doz. yards. Real torchon laces, from 5c. yard up, that sold from 25c. to \$1.00 per yard. Friday and Saturday will clean them up.	It will all go by Saturday night. All for half price now; some one-third, some one-fourth. Big lot 75c. values. All colors now 25c \$1.25 values, all colors 45c \$1.50 values, all colors 65c	Knitting yarn, lb. 50c Crochet yard, skein 5c Costly and beautiful embroidery silk. Friday and Saturday 25c and 35c. doz. skeins	Every pair of stockings in the house are hung up and marked lower than ever to make all go. 25c. children's 7 1-2c 35c. children's 10c Come early Friday.	25c. collars 5c Fine large feathers sold up to 1.50 10c Hats and bonnets 25c	

SEE THE BIG JOB LOT. 10C TABLE

Don't Fall to Get One of Those \$13.00 Jackets Now at 75c.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

VANCOUVER.

On Saturday last Coroner McGuigan, who was accompanied by Chief Provincial Constable Campbell, held an inquest on the body of Peter Laquisque the aged French-Canadian who committed suicide in his cabin at Portofino Bay, on Tuesday last. The verdict was that the deceased came by his death from a shotgun discharged by his own hand. The gun was found lying on the dead man's breast, the butt braced against the wall, and his hand still grasping the stick with which the trigger had been pushed. The death occurred at St. Paul's hospital Monday morning of Edwin Owen Weeks, aged 31 years. The deceased had only arrived in the city a short time ago on a visit for his health to his brother, E. E. Weeks, 1124 Melville street. He leaves a wife and father and two sisters in Toronto.

The death took place Monday morning, after a short illness, of Maria, wife of G. J. Gregory. The circumstances of her death are very sad, since she was only 30 years of age and had just arrived in the city three weeks ago from Australia to join her husband.

A Japanese was drowned while duck shooting near Rivers Inlet last week. His gun and clothes were found on the shore, and his body was discovered nearby in about four feet of water. It is thought that he shot a duck and started to swim out after it, and was seized with cramps and drowned.

NELSON.

"The city council has released D. McBeath & Co. from their contract for the construction of the city power plant, and the work will be finished under direct control of the city as rapidly as possible, with due regard to the sequent orders of the Supreme court," says the News.

"The contractors rejoice in their release. They still assert that the work was profitable, and that they accept a loss by surrendering it, but they prefer that result to a continuance of the litigation to which their contract has made them parties. The decision was taken on motion of Ald. Bird, at an adjourned special meeting of the council, held in the city hall Saturday evening."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The verdict in the Hume inquest is that "The late John Hume met his death by being struck by a car on the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's line on the night of October 13th last." A rider added that no blame for the accident was attached either to the company or its employees.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the new evening paper, the Daily News, which is to be started here in January, the following board of directors was elected: President, J. Reichert; Vice-president, E. Buckland; secretary-treasurer, G. O. Boutiller; editor and managing director, Dr. E.

D. Sawyer; directors, J. C. Brown and J. J. Kennedy. The company will have a capitalization of \$25,000, and the paper will be issued early in the New Year. It will be Liberal in politics.

PHOENIX.

The fire which occurred at the Granby mines a few days ago, and completely destroyed the No. 1 ore crusher, building and electric motor, has not materially affected the ore shipments from the mines. As a natural result a heavier tonnage is going out on the Great Northern line from here, while that on the C. P. R. is cut down the amount nearly that formerly came from the No. 1 crusher, like the one destroyed, is now being manufactured in the East, but necessarily cannot be delivered for some time. When the fire occurred one of the C. P. R. steel dump cars happened to be directly underneath, and when the ponderous machine fell, it dropped squarely into that ore car with its weight of fifty tons.

VERNON.

Jack Weston, ex-United States soldier and Wyoming cowboy, who stole two horses from Vernon a fortnight ago and was captured by the provincial police while making for the "Land of the Free," appeared before His Honor Judge Hole last Tuesday and elected to be tried speedily. Weston, advised by his counsel, pleaded guilty. His Honor sentenced him to five years in the penitentiary.



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THE POLISH SITUATION.

Sienskiewicz Says German Occupation Is Possible in Revolutionary Movement.

Stockholm, Dec. 12.—The Associated Press to-day had an interview with Henryk Sienskiewicz prior to his receiving the Nobel prize for literature. The novelist said:

"I have not been in Poland for three weeks. The situation in Russia and in Poland is extremely bad. The bureaucracy cannot last much longer, with or without revolution. Its days are counted. The Russian people are good, but the bureaucracy are a set of thieves. That was proved by the war. "Count Witte's position is most difficult. Witte is clever and of great capacity, but it is doubtful if he will be able to retain his position."

"We are in the greatest danger as Poles, and a German occupation of Poland is possible if this revolutionary movement gets beyond the control of the Russian government. Perhaps such would be by consent of the Russian government and perhaps not. However, if the Russian government should acquiesce in the occupation of Russian Poland, in whole or in part by Germany, the act would be resisted not only in Poland, but in Russia."

"Germany does not desire a rapprochement between the Russians and Poles, and would not be willing to see Poland free."

"We will remain part of Russia, if Russia gives Poland autonomy. We do not wish a republic, and neither Poland nor Russia is ready to become a republic."

"If Poland should revolt, it will not be against Russia, but against the bureaucratic government. We love to think of our independence, but while we are strong enough to demand freedom from Russia we are strong enough to defend it against Germany."

"I do not think Poland will start an armed revolution, but she will enforce her rights through the courts. I believe that the Russian Liberals will give Poland autonomy if they are not defeated."

"Our first demand is for the use of the Polish language in official schools and universities; our second is for a Polish congress; our third is for an entirely independent civil and judicial administration, which would give us judges and officials who understand our laws and language, and our fourth demand is for a separate military administration. In the last-mentioned connection let me say that we have splendid Polish generals, and it was demonstrated in the war with Japan that the Polish soldiers were the best fighters. Gen. Kuropatkin once hated Poland, but now he loves it."

"The printed reports to the effect that I was arrested, or that any punishment had been inflicted upon me, are untrue, but many of the people of Poland, especially the literatures, have been arrested and sentenced to be deported to Siberia. The salvation of these later, however, is that the government is now without means for their deportation."

"The Socialists in Poland are very energetic, but the majority of the people belong to the National party, and are anti-Socialists, while the majority of the uneducated Jews in the Polish cities are Socialists. We have not had any Jewish atrocities in Poland, for the Poles would not be so barbarous as to assassinate women and children."

THE POPE'S ADVICE.

Urges Poles to Co-operate in the Pacification of the Empire.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Pope has addressed an encyclical to the Poles recommending them to co-operate in the pacification of the empire, obeying laws and avoid sedition. He urged the Poles to promote a serious organization against strikes, "which damage incalculably the welfare of the people." He renders homage to the wisdom and goodness of Emperor Nicholas, who by the ukase of April 30th granted freedom of conscience, which concession was confirmed and amplified by the ukase of October 30th, and he concludes with exhorting the Poles to avail themselves of the rights of citizenship and with loyalty and diligence to contribute to the progressive amelioration of Russian Poland, assuring them that he will constantly use his influence with the Emperor and the government for the religious and moral good of the Poles.

SENTENCE ON MIDSHIPMAN

Who Was Tried by Court-Martial For Causing the Death of Midshipman Branch.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Midshipman Miner Meriwether, Jr., who was tried by court-martial for causing the death of Midshipman Branch, has been sentenced to confinement to the limits of the naval academy for a period of one year, and to be publicly reprimanded by the secretary of the navy. Secretary Bonaparte has ordered that the sentence be carried, but that so much of the penalty as would bar the accused from service on any practice ship attached to the academy be remitted.

Midshipman Meriwether was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter and found guilty of the other two charges, namely, violation of the third clause of the eighth article for the government of the navy, which prohibits midshipmen from engaging in fistfights and conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

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RINGS OF ANCIENT TIMES.

Greek Dandies Had One For Each Week—Iron Rings at Rome.

The antiquity of rings is known from Scripture. When Pharaoh committed the government of all Egypt to Joseph he took his ring from his finger and gave it to him, as a mark of power. The Israelites wore rings, not only on their fingers, but also in their nostrils and ears. The ancient Chaldeans, Babylonians, Persians and Greeks had likewise the use of the ring. Alexander sealed the letters he wrote into Europe with his own seal, and those in Asia with Darius' ring. The Greeks, Pliny thinks, knew nothing of the ring in the time of the Trojan war. The reason he gives is that we find no mention of it in Homer, but that when letters, etc., were to be sent away, they were tied up, and the strings knotted.

The Sabines had rings in Romulus' time, and it is from them, probably, the practice first came to the Greeks, and from it passed to the Romans, who were contented with iron rings a long time; Marlin first wore a gold one in his third consulate, which was in the year of Rome 650.

They were at first worn on the fourth finger, then on the second—then on the little finger, and at last on all the fingers except the middle one. The foppery of wearing rings among the Greeks at length rose to that pitch that they had their weekly rings, and Heliodorus, who was the dandy of his age, never wore the same ring twice.

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THE QUESTION OF FREIGHT RATES

DISCUSSED AGAIN BY VANCOUVER MERCHANTS

Company's Reply Unsatisfactory--The Railway Commission Will be Asked to Hear Representations.

At a special meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade held on Tuesday night to discuss the reply of the C. P. R. to the request made for better freight rates to Calgary, an answer prepared by a special committee was presented by W. J. McMillan. Before commencing, however, he announced that he had been requested by Mr. Bowles, of the local C. P. R. freight department, to state that the C. P. R. was now quite willing to reopen the question of freight rates from the Orient, and if these rates were in any way unfair to the merchants of Vancouver they would be quite willing to revise them. They would, however, discuss that later, and he went on to read the rough draft of the reply prepared by the committee to the arguments of the C. P. R. The plea that Winnipeg had not the advantage of water communication enjoyed by Vancouver, and therefore should be treated with more leniency was not a tenable one. If Vancouver had a natural advantage in that respect it was no more than was enjoyed by any seaport town over any inland town, and could not be taken into consideration in the adjustment of freight rates. It was an outstanding fact that freight could be carried from Montreal via Liverpool by water to Vancouver at a cheaper rate than the C. P. R. would carry it direct to Vancouver. The C. P. R. submitted figures showing the comparative cost of hauling over the prairie and Pacific divisions of its road, but this did not support the railway's contention, even as given, as a little calculation would show.

One clause made much of the C. P. R. was that if the requests for placing Vancouver on an equal footing with Winnipeg for shipping to interior points in British Columbia and Alberta were granted it would be unfair to Winnipeg men who had to send their goods West while Vancouver would have the same rate to pay for hauling them over the same line twice. They could find no grounds for that statement, as their contract was completed when the goods arrived at their destination, and it did not matter to the C. P. R. what became of them afterwards. The C. P. R. claimed that they gave favorable rates to the coast merchants for shipping canned goods Eastward, yet their through rates from the East to Calgary were \$1.25 or \$1.50 by lake and rail, and even if the present rates from Vancouver to Calgary were cut down 25 cents they would still be \$1. It should be borne in mind that Winnipeg got the balance of the through rates as their distributing rates.

In concluding, Mr. McMillan showed that the C. P. R. would at present bring goods from the Orient through to Winnipeg and back again to Vancouver to Fernie at a cheaper rate than they could be shipped from Vancouver to Fernie. Touching on the question of water competition again he added that it would be a nice point to raise that in view of the fact that the China Mutual steamers at present brought goods from the Old Country at the rate of 32s. 6d. per measurement ton, when the Irishman canal was completed, and these rates cut in half, it would be a nice point as to whether the C. P. R. still following its present policy would raise its rates Eastward proportionately to meet this opposition.

A. G. Thynne alluded to the fact that the C. P. R. had themselves shown that they could ship goods from Vancouver to Winnipeg and back to Fernie at a less rate than they gave at present to the Vancouver merchants shipping to Fernie, in spite of the fact that they had to haul them 1,500 miles farther than from Vancouver. The C. P. R. also pointed out that the American lines should be in a position to give cheaper rates because they had a larger population to serve. British Columbia having about 15,000 people, while the state of Washington had

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

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Watson's Theatre.

"Brother Against Brother" was presented for the last time by the Watson company last evening. To-night the Watson management have prepared a most interesting double bill, and one that is sure to please all theatre goers. The first is a curtain raiser, "The Deserter," written by Albert J. Watson. "The Deserter" is a military drama and is said to be most cleverly constructed. Mr. Watson will appear in a prominent role. The curtain raiser will be followed by a new dramatization of Bertha M. Clay's celebrated novel, "Dora Thorne." The story is one of English life; the characters are all well drawn, and in its dramatic form, "Dora Thorne" forms one of the most interesting plays in the Watson repertoire.

"Dora Thorne" will run out the balance of the week with the usual Saturday matinee, and in connection with "The Deserter" is sure to give the patrons of the Watson the best of satisfaction.

Next week "Charley's Aunt" and the celebrated English comedy, "Our Boys," will be presented.

"The Prince of Pilsen."

"The Prince of Pilsen," a musical comedy, will be presented at the Victoria theatre on next Thursday evening. It is now in its fourth year. Gustave Luders and Frank Pixley contributed their best work to "The Prince of Pilsen." Mary-Ann Savage in assuming the piece upon its fourth tour gave individual attention to its cast and equipment. Jess Dandy, who has played the part of Hans Wagner more than 500 times, will again give expression to the comedy role of the American brewer, who has the honor intended for a Prince thrust upon him. Mr. Dandy's topical song "Imagination," is an interpolated number that scores heavily. Louis Willis, a pretty and pliant American girl, who played the role of the dashing wife in the London production, assumes the same part in the present tour. Arthur Donaldson, who created the part of the real Prince, continues in that role and his singing of the "Stein Song" with the chorus of Henderson students is one of the pleasing features of the performance. Just Anderson is an

other member of the original cast who will appear. J. Hayden-Carleton and James F. Rome have prominence in comedy and song. Dainty Marie Welsh is the daughter of the rich brewer, and Marguerite Ferguson has the part of Sidonie, a French maid. Marie Gibson is the Viceroy's girl and Ida Stanhope heads the ladies who represent the cities in the "Song of the Cities."

ROSEBERY'S SPEECH.

Determined Not to Serve Under Campbell-Bannerman's Home Rule Banner.

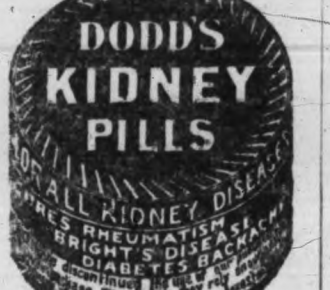
London, Dec. 13.—Lord Rosebery gave his blessing to the new Liberal cabinet at the meeting of the council of the Liberal league held in London to-day. He said he thought the composition of the new ministry must all them all with pleasure, and congratulated Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman on his selections. His Lordship added that all the offices were well filled, and the country must expect economy in finance and continuity of strength and dignity in its foreign policy and might even hope to see an army once more.

Lord Rosebery, however, declared that he "absolutely and steadfastly" adhered to his speech in Rodin, in which he said he could not serve under Campbell-Bannerman's home rule banner. He said that he had not personally received any assurances from the Liberal Premier on the subject of home rule, but he was satisfied that the vice-presidents of the league, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Haldane, had received assurances to the effect that his Lordship's interpretation of the Liberal Premier on the subject of home rule was correct. Lord Rosebery, however, thought it strange that Campbell-Bannerman had not taken the opportunity in his more recent speech to repudiate Lord Rosebery's interpretation if it was not correct.

His speech at any rate, he declared, had cleared the air, and with Sir Edward Grey and Messrs. Asquith and Haldane as members of the government, the country had a guarantee that an Irish home rule bill would not be introduced in the next parliament. Lord Rosebery concluded with saying that as Liberals it was their duty to maintain a united free trade party. He hoped and prayed it might be absolutely independent of Irish votes. A Liberal party relying on that vote would not possess the confidence of the country. Such an alliance would not be very good for the Irish and would be wholly bad for the Liberals.

The mining house of the Upper Powder Mills, near Birmingham, Ala., blew up Wednesday, and five men met a horrible death. The explosion was heard for fifteen miles. The men who were killed were employed in the mixing department. Parts of bodies were found in three to four quarters of a mile away.

Three school children were drowned early Wednesday night while skating on Kellogg's pond in Amsterdam, N. Y. A party of ten boys and girls were skating in a circle when a girl fell from above when the boy, a girl fell breaking the ice and sinking into the water. Before the nine children who were following her could check their speed or alter their course all plunged into the rapidly widening hole.



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THE CITY MARKET

By far the most interesting event in connection with the local markets during the past week was the summary prohibition of the sale of Japanese oranges on Tuesday. This was done upon instructions from the horticultural department, the fruit inspector, Thomas Cunningham, having discovered that an intentional scheme had been imported with the fruit from the Orient and that the widespread circulation of the oranges would result in the introduction of a new pest, with which local agriculturalists have not yet been troubled. In British Columbia, in order to prevent this he took prompt action and a few hours after the issuance of the mandate no Japanese oranges were to be found displayed, although previously they had been featured in the window attractions of almost every wholesale and retail grocer, not to mention the fruit stands, in the city. The fruit will be thoroughly fumigated and, after having passed another inspection, released and again placed on the market. It is stated that the enforcement of the quarantine regulations will not affect the flavor of the oranges.

Outside of this there is little of interest to record. A number of Victoria retailers are somewhat indignant over the statement that Manitoba eggs are being represented by them as the fresh island product and sold as such. They add that the present high price, 50 cents per dozen, will decline almost immediately after Christmas. The Christmas business is flourishing at the present time. All the retail business men are benefiting to some extent and, although there are the usual number of dissatisfied ones, the majority are content with the holiday rush and express the opinion that it is just as heavy as has ever been the case.

The complete quotations follow:

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Agave's Royal Household,	per 100 lbs.	1.00
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Agave's Royal Household,	per 25 lbs.	1.00
Agave's Royal Household,	per 12 1/2 lbs.	1.00
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What Other People Think

OPEN LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor:—What with the Prop-
erty Owners' Association, the three
district associations of North Ward,
the hole in the corner, coterie of Cen-
tral and South Wards, the would-be
aspirants for municipal honors have
indeed a very lively time on their
hands. Consider the wide range of
petition between the associations of
the upper ten and lower five, then the
possibilities of an alderman treading
a middle course. When you have done
you will realize, perhaps for the first
time, the difficulties of a second and
third term.

The associations with their exact-
ing demands are of little assistance to
a conscientious man, while on the other
hand their very formation enables an
unscrupulous politician owing to the
diversity of want to hold power and
wax fat, playing one against the
other. Juggle with the gambling and
ministerial representations, and you can
box the dice backwards to a starting
point, and in this manner grow wool
enough for a cold day, and step out.

I want to emphasize that under pre-
sent conditions without a clean-cut,
defined platform and the unanimous
support in well doing by the public at
large, every inducement is offered dis-
honestly. Do not let it for a moment
be said that I cast reflections upon
this or any other board of aldermen.
Far from it, considering their abuse
they are poorly repaid for what they
have lost. Herein lies the reason that
business men or men of leisure (mem-
bers of the Property Owners' Associa-
tion) refuse absolutely to do their
share of public service on the alder-
manic board. This fact, however, does
not prevent a free criticism of those
who are doing the best with the lim-
ited means at their disposal, and we
may say also a limited status.

Yet in face of this what are the vari-
ous associations doing toward enlarg-
ing the scope of municipal activity and
revenue? The actions of the Property
Owners' Association is still further
limiting the council in borrowing and
spending powers comes with very bad
grace from those who have been re-
sponsible for a spread of area more
than double in extent of the require-
ments by reason of excessive property
values in the past. Streets, sidewalks,
lights, sewers and water services, ex-
tending over an area capable of hous-
ing some 65,000 persons, is no light task
for a city of 26,000 inhabitants, and let
it be truthfully said here would not
have occurred if proper assessment of
land values had been maintained dur-
ing the past twenty-five years. But
enough. This is split milk and will not
assist our aldermen in revenue pro-
duction. Cannot the association nam-
ed give their good counsel instead of
abuse? Land values to-day or unoc-
cupied land is a touchy question well
let alone, if something else will suffice.
Taxes on occupied land and improve-
ments same tenor; anything else in
slight capable of yielding revenue? Any
corporation property, rolling stock,
water or gas mains, telephone or light
poles, legal luminaries, swell clubs or
questionable resorts? Yes, some, but—
unpopular move. Anything else? How
about municipalizing of water, light,
power, gas, and telephone services?
Would the cry of vested interests pre-
vent the Victoria Property Owners' Association in joining hands with the
North Ward Association in the pre-
paration of a well defined plan for
gradual absorption of the commodities
named? Will they assist this city in
acquiring the dividend productions of
private corporations and pursue with a
view of lessening direct taxation, and
eventually reducing to the public the
charges we now pay for light, water,
power, gas and telephone services? If
this institution exists as we are given
to suppose for the public good, may
we have an exemplification of that vir-
ue by passing the word along that
they too have become grounded in like
reasons and are ready and willing
to help old Victoria along.

PRIL R. SMITH.

THE REWARD OF PERSEVERANCE
To the Editor:—The Colonist's re-
peated discoveries of "the beginning
of the end of Laurierism" reminds me
of a story.
In an eastern Canadian city a well-
known citizen named Jones died at the
age of 93. When the news of his death
was known another citizen also of very
mature years exclaimed:
"I have my revenge at last."
"What do you mean," asked the
party addressed.
"Well," was the reply, "when I was
a kid I worked for Jones, and one day
he kicked me out of his shop. I turned
around and told him I wished he
was dead, and I've kept on wishing it
ever since, and I've fetched him at last."

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Prices, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.
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ment insurance reports the Mutual
Life of Canada earned the highest per-
centage of profits to income of any
Canadian company, while its expense
rate was the lowest. Every dollar of
this company's profits and assets be-
long to the policyholders, and its pre-
mium rates are the lowest of any of
the old established companies. A. B.
McNeill, special agent, R. L. Drury,
manager, 34 Broad street.

Both gold and silver are legal tender
in France. Consequently, the Bank of
France can, if it pleases, refuse to pay
out gold. And, furthermore, it can,
of course, and in practice does, issue
notes against the silver held.

The war office has given notice that
it cannot give its official recognition to
polo under any circumstances what-
ever, and that the use of horses for
this game by officers which are on pub-
lic charge is strictly forbidden.

William J. Hurrows and his wife
were discharged at West Ham, Lon-
don, the other day on a charge of
conspiracy to defraud an insurance
company, because husband and wife
are in law one person, and one person
cannot be accused of conspiracy.

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er Bowls—each, \$3.00
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VASES—Shaded Bronze with
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All the above have two
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Quaint Shaped, single Ink-
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Oxidized Silver, each, \$1.00
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ty and economy in the dif-
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